

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): An adjustable length cannula comprising:

A a pair of elongate telescopically interengaged cannula bodies, each having a generally tubular shape, a first one of said cannula bodies carrying a lug that protrudes therefrom, which lug interengages a length adjusting track formed in a second one of said cannula bodies; said length adjusting track including a channel trough formed radially through a peripheral tubular wall of said second cannula body in communication with an inner bore of said second cannula body, said trough extending longitudinally in the peripheral tubular wall of said second cannula body, and a plurality of position defining lug guides receivers that intersect said channel and are trough and extend circumferentially therefrom in the peripheral wall of said second cannula body, said lug receivers being spaced longitudinally apart along said second cannula body; said lug being slidably received in said channel track and said first cannula body being slidable telescopically along relative to said second cannula body such that said lug is positionable adjacent to a selected lug receiver and selectively interengagable interengaged with a respective locking said selected lug guide receiver by axially rotating the interengaged cannula bodies relative to one another to provisionally lock said first and second bodies together in one of multiple locking positions defined

respectively by said lug receivers and thereby maintain said cannula at a selected overall cannula length.

Claim 15 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said first and second cannula bodies respectively comprise an inner tube and an outer tube that slides interiorly through said first outer tube.

Claim 16 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said cannula bodies have generally cylindrical shapes.

Claim 17 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said second cannula body carries a cannula head that has a bore formed therethrough and communication with a central bore of said second cannula body.

Claim 18 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said trough is parallel to a central axis of said second cannula body.

Claim 19 (new): The device of claim 14 in which position defining lug receivers extend perpendicularly to said through and circumferentially about said second cannula body.

Claim 20 (new): The device of claim 14 in which each said lug receiver includes a tapered entrance with a funnel shape to facilitate introduction of said lug into said lug receiver.

Claim 21 (new): The device of claim 14 in which each said lug receiver includes a detent and a locking pocket adjacent said detent at a distal end of said lug receiver.

Claim 22 (new): The device of claim 14 wherein said first and second bodies are telescopically manipulated to position said lug adjacent to a selected lug receiver, said interengaged first and second cannula bodies being rotated such that said lug

slides over said detent of said lug receiver and into said locking pocket to hold said first and second cannula bodies together at a selected length defined by said interengaged lug and locking pocket.

Claim 23 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said second cannula body includes a distal end having a flexible flared edge lip defining a gas seal, said edge lip sealably interengaged with an interior surface of a central axial bore of said first cannula body.

Claim 24 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said first cannula body includes a beveled proximal end that interengages a generally smooth outer surface of said second cannula body.

Claim 25 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said first cannula body includes a conically tapered distal end that carries a plurality of longitudinal slots to allow for flexing of said distal end of said first cannula body.

Claim 26 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said first cannula body includes a threaded outer surface to facilitate rotating or twisting said first cannula body relative to said second cannula body.

Claim 27 (new): An adjustable length cannula comprising:

a pair of elongate, telescopically interengaged cannula bodies, each having a generally tubular shape, a first inner one of said cannula bodies carrying a lug that protrudes outwardly therefrom, which lug interengages a length adjusting track formed radially through a peripheral tubular wall of a second, outer one of said cannula bodies, said length adjusting track including a trough formed radially through a peripheral tubular wall of said second cannula body in communication with an inner

bore of said second cannula body, said trough extending longitudinally in said second cannula body, said track further including a plurality of position defining lug receivers that intersect said trough and extend circumferentially therefrom in the peripheral wall of said second cannula body, said lug receivers being spaced longitudinally apart along said second cannula body; said lug being slidably received in said track and said first cannula body being slidable telescopically along said first cannula body such that said lug is positionable adjacent to a selected lug receiver and interengaged with said selected lug receiver by axially rotating the interengaged cannula bodies in opposite directions relative to one another to provisionally lock said first and second bodies together in one of multiple locking positions defined respectively by said lug receivers and thereby maintain said cannula at a selected overall cannula length.